Craft Development Centres sanctioned for Tilonia, Barma, Udaipur, Bajju, and Makarana and marketing assistance through Marketing & Service Extension Centres located at Jaipur and Jodhpur.

Besides, measures taken to promote export of Rajasthani handicrafts include :

(i) Seminars to educate local exporters of marble handicrafts, hand printed textiles and made-ups thereof, India items etc.,

(ii) Export publicity campaign, participation in fairs, festivals and exhibitions being organised by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH),

(iii) Exposure of handicrafts of Rajasthan through a publicity brochure brought out by EPCH for commercial publicity abroad.

(iv) Training programmes at Jaipur and Alwar to a acquaint exporters with export procedures and documentation.

परियोजनाओं पर हिमाचल प्रदेश का दावा

*199. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश ने भाखड़ा बांध सहित उन सभी परियोजनाओं पर जो 1990 से पहले हिमाचल की धरती पर बनाई गई थी, अपना दावा पेश किया है और उन्हें उस प्रदेश को सौंपे जाने की मांग की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या योजना आयोग ने हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार को 1990 के पश्चात् बनी परियोजनाओं के बाबत "रायल्टी" देने का आश्वासन दिया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह धनराशि कितनी बनती है और हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार को यह कब तक मिलनी आरंभ हो जाएगी ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने केन्द्र सरकार से निवेदन किया है कि राज्यों को संसाधनों का वैध हिस्सा नहीं मिल रहा है। भाखड़ा व्यास प्रबंध बोर्ड द्वारा संचालित परियोजनाओं और हिमाचल प्रदेश में स्थित कतिपय अन्य विद्युत परियोजनाओं के सम्बन्ध में न तो रायल्टी के जरिए 12 प्रतिशत निःशुल्क विद्युत के रूप में और न ही पंजाब राज्य के उत्तराधिकारी के रूप में उसका उचित हिस्सा उसे मिल रहा है। राज्य सरकार ने इस कारण 200 करोड़ रुपए के वार्षिक राजस्व घाटे का अनुमान लगाया है। राज्य सरकार ने भारत सरकार से राज्य को इन जल विद्युत परियोजनाओं में और अधिक हिस्से के लिए उनके दावे पर अन्तिम निर्णय होने तक 200 करोड़ रुपए की वार्षिक विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता देने का अनुरोध किया है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Proposal to treat Handloom Weavers at par with Beedi Workers

*200. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal with the Government to treat handloom weavers coming under the category of unorganised segment of workers at par with the beedi workers who also come under the non-organised segment of workers in all metters relating to them (unorganised beedi workers) ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is committed to welfare of both, the handloom weavers and Beedi workers. A number of Welfare schemes are in operation to provide insurance cover to handloom weavers and promote savings and to provide them with suitable dwelling and work places. These schemes are in addition to those operating in various States which provide medical assistance and the assistance in buying new spectacles to handloom weavers. However, promotion of handloom sector also requires schemes for increasing productivity, reducing drudgery of work, increasing marketability of handloom products and strengthening the handloom agencies. Schemes are in operation to look after these needs of the handloom weavers also.

Amnesty International's plan to launch campaign against India

1644. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the Amnesty International is planning to launch a world-wide campaign this year to curb the alleged human rights violation in India for which it may use a third country approach ;

(b) if so, whether Government have been able to pinpoint which is this third country ; and

(c) what precautionary measures Government have taken or propose to take to counteract this malicious propaganda against India from a foreign soil ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) According to some reports, Amnesty International has decided to launch a campaign alleging human rights violations in India. We are not, however, aware of the "third country approach" in this regard.

(c) Our Missions have been provide with relevant material to counter suc propaganda.

Pak Aid to Terrorists

1645. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIR be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has bee drawn to the news item "U.S. probles Pa aid to terrorists" appearing in the 'Pioneer New Delhi, dated, April 15, 1992;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; anc

(c) the reaction of the U.S. delegation to Pakistan backing certain "terrorists" movements especially against India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIR (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Mr. Peter Burleigh, US Co ordinator for Counter International Terro rism visited India, Nepal and Pakistan in April, 1992. He was briefed by Govt. officials on Pakistan's abetment of terrorism in India. The US State Department's Annual Publication, "Patterns of global terrorism" realised on May 5, 1992 said *inter alia*— "there were continuing credible reports throughout 1991 of official Pakistani support for Kashmiri militant groups engaged in terrorism in Kashmir as well as support to Sikh militant groups engaged in terrorism in Punjab. The support allegedly includes provision of weapons and training".

Passports Issued from Passport Office in Rajasthan

1646. SHRI B. L. PANWAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1669 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1992 and state :

(a) what is the average number of applications submitted per day with the passport offices in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of passports issued per day from there ;